

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Prior Group Art Unit: 2653
Yasuhito SOMA et al. Prior Examiner: Paul W. Huber
Serial No.: Rule 1.53(b) Divisional
 of Serial No. 10/238,587
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For: OPTICAL DISK APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,
please amend the application as follows: